

III. REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in this application. Claims 19 and 20 are allowed. By this amendment, claims 1 – 8 have been cancelled, and 9 and 15 have been amended. Applicants do not acquiesce in the correctness of the rejections and reserve the right to present specific arguments regarding any rejected claims not specifically addressed. Further, Applicants reserve the right to pursue the full scope of the subject matter of the original claims in a subsequent patent application that claims priority to the instant application. Reconsideration in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

The drawings are objected to for failing to designate Figure 1 as “Prior Art.” *See* Office Action, p. 2. Applicants submit that the corrected drawings (replacement sheet) including the “Prior Art” label should address the objection. Accordingly, Applicants request the withdrawal of the objection.

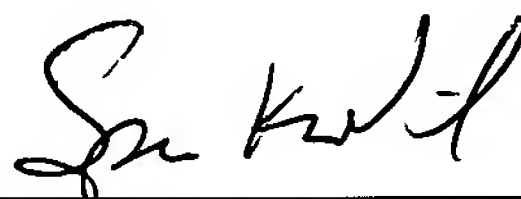
Claims 9-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, ¶ 2, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The Office asserts that, “[i]n lines 5, 7, 12, and 15 of claim 9, the phrase “the base” lacks antecedent basis.” *See* Office Action, p. 2. Similarly, the Office asserts that, “[i]n line 1 of claim 15, the phrase “the base” lacks antecedent basis for the same reason as discussed above.” *See* Office Action, p. 2. Claims 9 and 15 have been amended to recite a “single crystal base,” as suggested by the Office. Accordingly, “the base” no longer lacks antecedent basis. *See* claims 9 and 15.

Claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kleinhenz et al. (US 6,074,951) in view of Sakaguchi (US 6,221,738). As noted above, claims 1 – 8 have been cancelled. Accordingly, Applicants request withdrawal of the rejection.

IV. CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that anything further is necessary to place the application in better condition for allowance, he is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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